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Inherit the Wind Act II Worksheet: A closer look at some important quotes

In the second act, characters use a lot of symbolic language. Consider what each of the following phrases mean:

1. **“All motion is relative. Perhaps it is you who have moved away—by standing still.”**

Who says it?

Whom does he say it to?

What does it mean?

2. **“Right” has no meaning to me whatsoever! (*There is a buzz of reaction in the courtroom*) Truth has a meaning—as a direction. But one of the peculiar imbecilities of our time is the grid of morality we have placed on human behavior: so that every act of man must be measured against an arbitrary latitude of right and longitude of wrong—in exact minutes, seconds, and degrees!”**

Who says it?

Whom does he say it to?

What does it mean?

3. **“You figure a tractor is sinful because it isn’t mentioned in the bible?”**

Who says it?

Whom does he say it to?

What does it mean?

Character Motivation Analysis:

1. Why would Drummond say "Right" has no meaning to him if it is going to hurt his case?
2. Why would he question Howard about Moses making a phone call and other types of technology?
3. Why doesn't Drummond cross-examine Rachel?
4. Why doesn't Brady allow Drummond to call any of his witnesses?